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For: RECOMBINANT HERPES SIMPLEX  
VIRAL VECTOR COMPOSITIONS  
(as amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT; SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW; RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE  
ACTION DATED JUNE 17, 2003 AND ADVISORY ACTION DATED JULY 11, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and consider this response to the Final Official Action ("Final Action") which is timely submitted. Applicants believe that the present materials place the claims in condition for allowance, and re-examination and reconsideration is respectfully requested on this basis after entry of the accompanying amendment.

A check in the amount of \$430.00 is enclosed. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/4300.012100.

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

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